THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan 491773 teachers have been engaged in different States.

(b) to (d) The terms and conditions of engagement of teachers is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) has laid down the professional qualifications for primary and upper primary school teachers.

AMU Amendment Act

1977.SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on a petition filed for challenging the AMU Amendment Act, 1981 and also quota notification issued by Government in Feb. this year, Allahabad HC has quashed the Act and the notification thereunder terming it as illegal;

(b) whether Government have studied implications of the judgement and the action Government are contemplating without taking resource to confrontation with the judiciary; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for which Government chose to overrule the SC instead of removing the defects as indicated in the judgement while passing the 1981 Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) The Single Bench of the High Court, Allahabad has, in its order dated 4th October, 2005, held, *inter-alia*, that the Aligarh Muslim University is not a minority institution whithin the meaning of Article 30 of the Constitution of India and has quashed the decision of the University's authorities to reserve 50% seats in the Postgraduate Medical Courses for the Muslims of India on all-India basis, as also the 'no-objection' thereto conveyed by the Central Government. None of the provisions of the AMU (Amendment) Act, 1981, duly enacted by the Parliament in its unquestionable competence, has been quashed. Having studies the judgement, the Government has filed Special Appeals in the High Court at Allahabad and the matter is before the Division Bench.